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should protect your wife from you in that kind of a situation. The fact for example, that you sexually attack her, is between you and your wife until such time she is seperated from you divorced from you or under seperate maintenance arrangements. Seperate maintenance and support. That is the point where my contention is that the wife is entitled to the protection and that is all that I was trying to get accomplished.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues, please bear with me once more. Senator Goodrich, if we delete section six from this bill will that allow a husband to sexually attack his wife who is living seperately, divorced or on seperate maintenance?

PRESIDENT: Could you answer that question specifically Senator Goodrich?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, it will, it will allow him to do that.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much Senator Goodrich. I evidently according to Senator Goodrich's answers to my question am reading this english in a mirror. I believe the complete opposite. I believe that the law would protect and I believe that LB23 would protect that woman from being sexually assaulted attacked, regardless of who the actor would be. Should tat actor be her husband, he would be charged under sexual attack. I further believe that in section six does make an exception and that exception is the loving wife who is living in the home. I certainly would support removing section six.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, are you ready to close debate by way of reply?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I would close as Senator Kelly states that is the exact effect and Senator Goodrich could not be more wrong, he is totally and absolutely wrong in his reading of the statute of its implications and of its philosophy of life between married partners. Every individual in this society has a sexual integrity of their own. They are entitled to it and the state has no right to deprive them of it or to afford protection to anybody that would chose to deprive them of it. That is what section six is all about, and that is why it should be removed.

PRESIDENT: Question is the adoption of the Cavanaugh amendment striking section six. Record your vote. Have you voted?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: A record vote.

PRESIDENT: Have you voted? Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 1 nay and 15 not voting. Vote appears on page 1190 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Amendment carries. At this time the Chair would like to recognize 60 students in the south balcony, who are, and some of them are leaving. They are here as guests of Senator Cope from Gibbon High School. We also have in the